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EDITORIAL

After many years supporting *The Chimes*, Tania Clayton has decided to stand down from her role as Website Manager and Editor. She has provided skilled and responsive support for a long period and we are very grateful for all she has done. Whilst *The Chimes* started life as a print magazine, now not least through the efforts of Tania it also has a strong online presence too.

Sander Jurkiewicz has agreed to take over Tania's role. We are delighted he is joining us and look forward to collaborating with him. So it is warmest best wishes and many thanks to you both from *The Chimes* Team.

But — and it's a big but — we STILL need some help with putting together the magazine itself. We are looking for Assistant Editors who can give us a hand as we get the news and stories from the villages. Believe me, it is great fun to find out what is going on, and all you need is a laptop and a willingness to learn the basics of page layout. If you think you might be able to help, please give me a call — my telephone number is on page 62 of this issue. We can take you through all the stages and there will always be someone on hand to steer you in the right direction. I hope you can help.

Peter Coulson

Cover picture: March brings the wild daffodils into full focus and you can get on the Daffodil Line bus to visit one of the special weekends in the next few weeks

The Saturday of the first week of each month, prior to publication is our deadline for submitting copy. If in doubt, please contact your sub-editor — their details are in the heading of each section. If you are new to the district or have just moved in and would like a regular copy of *The Chimes* delivered to you completely free of charge, please contact our Distribution Manager Sue Bertenshaw at suebrock59@gmail.com and she will arrange for you to be added to our list.

A VIEW FROM THE HILL

Water

We all have plenty at the moment! I live on Watery Lane, which is currently living up to its name. Along Lea Bailey Hill several springs start up during wet winters and flow for a few weeks or months into Watery Lane. It makes me think what a mess the lane must have been at such times before it was tarmacked by the council (during the 1950s). Rocks, ruts and mud for the delivery vehicles, at one time horse and cart, to negotiate.



Even during the summer I expect it was a steep bumpy haul to make. Cars, too, would have found the going tough and, in parts, still do today. Our once wonderful tarmac surface is now home to many potholes! Many more have escaped to other roads.

Peter Lockwood

COMBINED VILLAGE NEWS

Ashbourne Family Saga

Exclusive to *The Chimes Online* is the unique story of the Ashbourne Family, a chance to be absorbed into life in the late 19th Century, mainly but not exclusively in South Herefordshire.

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Read the whole story only in *The Chimes Online* at www.thechimes.org.uk, then select Extras, Info & Blogs, then Historical Bog. It's all there.

Dorian Osborne

Newent Spring Fayre 2026

Spring into the season at one of Newent's biggest celebrations – now in its third year! Join us for a day of fun and community spirit across multiple venues throughout town.

Highlights include: • Live music • Street food • Free craft workshops • Kids' zone with messy play, football, puppets, facepainting, magic and more • Easter bonnet making workshop and parade • Nature walks around Newent Lake • Open Market House and history walk • Town and Country Market • Daffodil hunt • Storytelling • Community stalls

It's on **Saturday, 21 March** from 10am – 4pm, throughout Newent. It's FREE to attend and there is FREE PARKING at Lewell Street car park

This is a Newent Town Council community event, supported by Newent Business Club, supporting local charities: 232 Daffodil Line and Space to Grow

Linton & District History Society- Upcoming Talks

4th March - Roger Davies - *Korea and the Glorious Glosters* (Chairman's Lecture)

1st April - AGM & Teresa Squires - *A National Trust Pot Pourri*

The Society meets at 7 for 7:30pm at Linton Village Hall. All are welcome. Guest fee is £5 per talk. For further information please contact the Chairman - Roger Davies (rogerdavies1@sky.com) or the Secretary - Teresa Squires (sec.lintonhistosoc@gmail.com)

History events at HARC

Herefordshire Archives and Records Centre is hosting a number of events relating to local history in the coming months and further details can found at <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/events/>

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January's total was 142.7mm, making it a very wet one as this is nearly twice the average. A very cold spell to start the month that saw frosty mornings and sunny winter days – and a dusting of snow on the 5th. Then it turned “milder” and wet for the rest of the month with many days seeing significant rainfall amounts. Of particular note were 19.9mm on the 8th; 11.4mm on the 18th and 30.0mm on the 26th. This latter was due to (our) named storm Chandra. Sunshine was on strict ration with some noted on the 14th, 16th and 28th with the 14th and 28th having frosty starts. As for rest of the days — well dull, drear and misty would seem to cover them more that adequately!

The ground following last year's “dry” had made easy work of soaking up the rainfall even from the wet months of November and December. But the steady persistent rainfall of January started to tip the balance and the 30mm on the 26th which came down in a relatively short time did the rest, so that, once more, we have a winter of “water, water running everywhere.”

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Church News

Plough Sunday

In days gone by, when farming was truly a shared way of life, a plough was kept safely in the church for everyone's use.

At the Plough Sunday service, echoes of that rural past were brought to life with a display of well-worn hand cultivators, alongside a milking stool and traditional churns — simple tools that tell a rich story of hard work, cooperation, and village life.

Garrold Bread

In 1859, Richard Garrold left a generous legacy to Aston Ingham Parish, bequeathing £100 (over £15,000 in today's money) with the interest to be used to provide bread for those in need.

More than a century and a half later, this thoughtful tradition is still lovingly observed. Thanks are due to Janet Potter, our very own star baker, who once again made delicious small loaves for everyone to take home — a simple but heartfelt reminder of kindness, continuity, and community spirit.

Palm Sunday

29th March. Ariconium Benefice Service at 10.30am, Lea Church.

Regular Services

1st Sunday Evensong at 4.30 pm
2nd Sunday Parish Communion at 10.30 am
3rd Sunday Village Praise at 10.30 am
4th Sunday Parish Communion at 10.30 am

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Village News & Events

Aston Ingham W.I.

Our next get-together will be on **Tuesday 10th March at 1.45pm**, and we're planning a cheerful little **craft afternoon**. Nothing too complicated — just some simple, enjoyable makes that absolutely anyone can have a go at. There's no pressure whatsoever to produce a masterpiece! If you'd rather sit back with a cup of tea and watch everyone else, that's perfectly fine too. Please do bring along a plastic bag to carry your creation home in — and an apron might be a wise precaution... we can't promise things won't get a little sticky!

The ladies of the W.I. are, as always, at the very heart of village life — especially when it comes to catering for our many events. From cooking and serving to washing up afterwards, they're always there with a smile.

But once a year, quite rightly, they swap places and become the guests instead of the hosts at their own New Year Lunch. On 27th January, the tables were turned and the ladies found themselves on the other side of the serving table, enjoying a delicious choice of Salmon, Fish Pie, Chicken or Lasagne.

A heartfelt thank you to our wonderful W.I. members — without them, so many of our village gatherings simply wouldn't be the same



Burns Night

The village Burns Night celebration was, once again, a thoroughly enjoyable evening of good food, good company and a touch of Scottish tradition. Fantastic food was, as always, provided by the Aston Ingham Women's Institute, whose

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Forthcoming events at the Village Hall

What's On	When	Details	Information & Booking
Village Hall Committee Meeting	Tuesday 3 rd March at 11:30 am	Monthly meeting of the Village Hall Committee.	Sue Harding 01989 720528
Country Dancing	Friday 6 th March at 7 pm	If you'd like to join us, you'd be most welcome. Any age, ability, or gender. No partner needed. £3 per person	Janet Potter 01452 830556 or 07340 078520
Aston Ingham W.I.	Tuesday 10 th March at 1:45 am	It's going to be a craft afternoon when we hope everyone will have a go. Very simple crafts that anyone can do. It's not mandatory, you can just sit & enjoy the others getting messy if you prefer. Please bring a plastic bag to take your finished item home & possibly you may need an apron!!	Janet Potter 01452 830556 or 07340 078520
Crochet Club	Tuesday 12 th March at 2 pm	This group meets in the committee room at the Village Hall. All are welcome; you don't have to crochet, but we have a teacher on hand if you would like to learn. Come and join a great group! £2.50 per person includes refreshments.	Tania Clayton 01989 720229 or 07796 955424
Short Mat Bowls	Friday 13 th March at 2 pm	If you'd like to join us, please come along, you'd be very welcome. We are a very friendly group, and our bowling is non-competitive. £3 per person	Janet Potter 01452 830556 or 07340 078520
Six Nations Rugby and Pop-Up Pub	Saturday March 14 th at 7 pm	Usual pop-up pub with a great selection of beers, wines, soft and zero alcohol drinks and snacks with the huge bonus of the England vs France rugby on the big screen.	Tania Clayton 01989 720229 or 07796 955424
Knit and Natter	Tuesday 17 th March at 2 pm	All welcome, you don't have to knit, just come along & join in the natter. £2.50 per person includes refreshments. Come along and discover this year's ambitious project!	Janet Potter 01452 830556 or 07340 078520
Book Club and Cocee Morning	Friday 27 th March at 10:30 am	As it's nearly St David's Day we will be serving warm Welsh Cakes. There will be the usual selection of cakes. Puzzles & books can be borrowed & Cobalt Charity cards are available to purchase.	Janet Potter 01452 830556 or 07340 078520
Aston Ingham Reading Group	First Saturday of every month 09:30 – 11:00 am	March – <i>Gorky Park</i> by Martin Cruz Smith April – <i>Orbital</i> by Samantha Harvey	Jan Falkiner 07899 728346

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efforts ensured no one went home hungry.

The evening opened in fine style with the *Ode to the Haggis*, recited by Ken Boon, while the haggis itself was ceremoniously carried in and presented to the assembled guests by Ella Clayton. Once everyone had enjoyed generous helpings of the traditional haggis, neeps and tatties, the focus turned — happily — to the seemingly endless array of puddings that followed. Importantly, it also allowed us to start training up the next generation of cooks and servers, with Ella joined by her sister Amy at the serving counter.



After dinner, the dancing began in earnest. Whatever your style, there was fun to be had for everyone, making it a memorable night of laughter, music, and village spirit.

Aston Ingham Tennis Club

Located on the edge of Aston Ingham, right on the Gloucestershire–Herefordshire border between Aston and Kilcot, our tennis club is a welcoming and well-established part of the local community. Built up over the past 40 years by the dedication and fundraising efforts of its members, the club continues to flourish.

The club has two excellent floodlit courts, refurbished in 2022, and a comfortable clubhouse with heating, toilets and a small kitchen. Members come from Aston Ingham, Gorsley, Linton, Lea, Kilcot, Cliffords Mesne and the surrounding towns, and visitors and new members are always very welcome.

Alongside league tennis, the club places a strong emphasis on social play,



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friendly matches and internal competitions. Regular club sessions on Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoons are open to players of all abilities, making it easy to join in and enjoy a friendly game.

Above all, the club prides itself on being inclusive, friendly and a great place to enjoy tennis and good company. If you'd like to find out more or come along for a game, you'll be very warmly received

Dates for your diary

April 11th Quiz Night with Buffet

April 18th Pop Up Pub

May 9th Afternoon Tea

June 13th Talk by Juliet Whatley with supper.

There will now be a bar at all Village Hall Events & we take cards as well as cash.

To book Village Hall Events, please get in touch with Janet on 01452 830556 or 07340 078520

General Village Information

To book the Aston Ingham Village Hall, contact Sue Harding 01989 720528 or email suejharding1948@gmail.com

100 Club

We have room for more players. If you have not yet joined and would like to, please get in touch at treasurer-AIVH@hotmail.com

January 1st Ken Stephens, 2nd – Keith Robinson (donated to VH), 3rd – Gail Gooch (donated to VH)

Wheelchair availability

We have a wheelchair stored in the Village Hall for communal use. Contact Janet Potter

Cards wanted

Wanted: Christmas and greeting cards to recycle into new cards. We now have our own group of ladies making cards for the Cobalt Unit. We have a box in the hall lobby for your old cards and stamps and a card stand with cards for sale. For more details, please get in touch with Janet 01452 830556 or 07340 078520.

Church Cleaning

If anyone would like to join our cleaning rota, please get in touch with Janet 01452 830556. We split the Church into sections to make it easier and to ensure that no one person has too much to do. The more helpers, the less work for everyone

Aston Ingham Quiz Night Supper

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Here are a few highlights of what we've been working on recently. For the latest updates and news, please keep an eye on the Parish Council website.

The Parish Council met in January after the December break. By the time you read this in the March edition of *The Chimes*, the January Draft Minutes will be available on the Parish Council website. Once approved at the February meeting, the confirmed Minutes will also be published there.

We'd like to thank the parishioner from Aston Bank who spoke to one of our councillors to share their appreciation of the Parish Council's work — including the improved footpath between Aston Bank and Mill Lane, and our involvement with contractors during the recent road resurfacing. A lot of what we do happens behind the scenes, so it's always encouraging to receive positive feedback.

Work currently underway —

Footpaths map

Our Footpaths Officer has provided a new, updated footpaths map. A laminated A1 version will be installed near the Village Hall. As footpaths are currently identified by codes that aren't very user-friendly, we're making some updates and adding features to help make the map easier to understand and use.

Litter

We're concerned about the growing amount of litter around the parish, much of which seems to be dropped by passing motorists. While some residents kindly pick up litter near their homes or while out walking, there isn't currently a formal system for monitoring or collecting it. We'll be discussing ways to improve this at our next meeting.

Speed Indicator Device (SID)

The SID is back up and running and working well. Hopefully, you'll see the flashing a "Thank you" as you pass! Our next step is to improve how we collect and analyse speed data, work more closely with the Speedwatch group, and liaise with West Mercia Police. We plan to share updates with residents on a monthly basis.

Contact us

We welcome your constructive feedback on all parish matters — whether by email or in person. You can contact the Clerk at clerk@astoningham-pc.gov.uk. If you get in touch before the 20th of the month, your comments can be included in the Briefing Notes published with the meeting Agenda and considered at the meeting.

For reference, Briefing Notes are grouped under the following headings:

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If you have any special news, events or ideas about what you would like to see in the Gorsley section of the magazine, please get in touch!

Gorsley Village Hall

Our committee meetings take place on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm. We always welcome new people to help us put on a programme of activities to involve the village and to raise money for the hall's maintenance.

For more information please contact: gorsleyvh@gmail.com

Hall Secretary, Anne Course: oldmole@btinternet.com

Treasurer, Sue Scregg: suevillagehall@yahoo.com

100 Club Our recent winners: 1st £25 - June Bevan, 2nd £10 - Helen Taylor, 3rd £5 - Sue Bailey. Funds raised by the 100 Club are for improvements to the village hall, including lighting and heating.

Gorsley Community Shop & Post Office

A big 'Gorsley welcome' to **Paul Parker**, who has taken on the role to manage the shop and Post Office. Living locally himself, he is focused on ensuring the shop continues to meet the needs of our local community.

If you are interested in volunteering in the shop, please email:

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Gorsley Baptist Church

Everyone is welcome to our Sunday morning service at 10.30am. Separate crèche, children and youth activities take place at the same time so there is something appropriate for the whole family. If you want to see if our service is

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to your liking, all services are also live recorded and available on YouTube. We would love to get to know you, however, and YouTube cannot go as far as serve you the coffee and conversation which takes place after the service. It would be great to see you.

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Christ Church Gorsley

We now approach Spring - a time of new beginnings - and a warm welcome as always awaits you at Christ Church. Our regular weekly Sunday morning services are held at 10:30 am. with the first Sunday being one of Holy Communion. On Friday the 6th at 2pm is the World Day of Prayer service. On Sunday the 15th of March at 10:30 am. is our Mothering Sunday service. This traditional service goes back many centuries and gives us a moment to remember all those who care (and have cared) for us.

Our special Easter Sunday service will be held on the **5th of April**.

For further details of any of our services please contact gorsleychurch@btinternet.com or use <http://achurchnearyou.com/church/14094>

World Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer is a women-led global prayer service celebrated on the first Friday of March each year. This special service is rotated between our local churches with ladies from each participating.

This year Christ Church Gorsley has the privilege of hosting this service which has been prepared by the Christian women of Nigeria. Everyone is welcome (men too) to join us on the **6th March at 2pm**.

For more information please get in touch with Jenny Facey 07717 278023 or Viv Ferguson.

Gorsley Flower, Produce, Arts and Crafts Show 2026

This year's show will be held on **Saturday, 22nd August** with all profits to Gorsley Village Hall.

Entry to the show will be open to all Gorsley residents, members of Gorsley based organisations and children attending Gorsley Goffs school along with their families.

The Show has a new website: gorsleyshow.weebly.com/ where you can find details of the 2026

classes and the show schedule (which includes the entry form) with access to a down-loadable version. There is also judges guidance for entries to the Fruit & Vegetable, Flowers and Baking & Preserves classes.

Printed copies of the show schedule will be available from Gorsley Community Shop soon. Contact us on gorsleyshow@gmail.com



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Gorsley and District Garden Club

Our next meeting is on Monday 16th March 2026, 7.30 pm in Gorsley Village Hall. This will be the last talk of our season. A new programme of garden visits and talks will be available in April.

Garden Design Tips and Tricks

Our speaker for March is Pip Smith (*pictured*). Pip is a Landscape Designer who has worked in the horticultural industry his entire career. Pip has held the post of Head Gardener at several private and public gardens, most recently the highly acclaimed Wollerton Old Hall in Shropshire. Pip will share some of favourite designs and simple tricks of the trade to help us get the most out of our green space.

Visitors and new members are always very welcome. If you think you might be interested in joining our club or would just like to know a bit more about us, please call Charlotte on 01989 780760

or email gorsleyanddistrictgardenclub@gmail.com



Newent & District Probud Club

A New Year of Insight and Conversation at Newent & District Probud Club

The Club began 2026 with two captivating talks that set the tone for another year of stimulating discussion and shared learning.

The first speaker, Richard Jeynes, transported members into the fascinating world of the French Foreign Legion. Founded in 1831, the Legion is an elite corps within the French Army, unique in its tradition of welcoming volunteers from around the globe. Richard explained how recruits may initially enlist under an assumed identity, a practice steeped in history, before having the option to serve under their real name after a year. Known for its rigorous training, exceptional discipline, and demanding overseas deployments, the Legion remains one of the most intriguing military institutions in the world—and the talk provided a rare insight into its enduring mystique.

The second presentation, delivered by Fraser Gunn, focused on one of the most dramatic moments in recent British history: the devastating fire at Windsor Castle in 1992. Fraser set the scene by outlining the castle's remarkable past as the longest continuously occupied palace in the world, home to monarchs since the time of Henry I. The fire, the worst in the castle's history, added to what

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Queen Elizabeth II famously described as her “Annus Horribilis.” Members were given a detailed account of the emergency response, the meticulous planning undertaken by the fire services, and the immense challenges of managing such a high-profile and complex incident.

Talks like these are at the heart of what the Probus Club offers. If you are a retired or semi-retired professional or businessperson with an interest in learning, conversation, and good company, you would be very welcome to join us.

The club meets twice a month, on the second and fourth Tuesdays, at 10.00am in the Village Hall, Gorsley. Meetings begin with tea and coffee, followed by a guest speaker. Upcoming topics include Gloucestershire Road Safety, The SS Uganda Schools Ship and the Falklands Conflict, The Marine Conservation Society, and Understanding Heraldry.

Why not come along to one of our meetings and see what we’re all about? There’s no obligation — just a warm welcome, friendly faces, and plenty to talk about. For more information, please visit our website: newentprobus.com or contact our Club Secretary: newentprobus23@gmail.com

Kilcot & Gorsley WI

Visitors are welcome, we are very informal and don’t sing Jerusalem except on special occasions! For more information, call Anne Course on 07951 819051

Community Library

The library is located in the shed next to Gorsley Village Hall – mind your head as you go in! There is a good selection of books, DVDs, video games and jigsaws to borrow on a ‘trust-based’ system.

Karate

Karate classes take place at Gorsley Village Hall on Friday evenings from 6.30pm. For further details, please contact Pam Bennett: farimonds@gmail.com

Bingo

Bingo is held at Gorsley Village Hall on every 4th Tuesday at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The cost is £5 for 6 games with a break halfway through.

Pilates

6-week classes are held on Wednesday evenings at Gorsley Village Hall. Please contact Alex Hall for upcoming dates/further details: alexhallphysiopilates@outlook.com <https://alexhallphysiopilate.wixsite.com/website>

Yoga

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The Lea needs more volunteers on the distribution team

Did you know that *The Chimes* is a free local magazine produced entirely by a large team of volunteers who work for the benefit of their village communities? All the costs of the magazine's production are met through advertising and any donations received.

In The Lea we distribute 476 *Chimes* magazines to residents each month (apart from July and December when the double issues are out). This is only made possible by our wonderful team of 15 distributors who pop the magazine through letter boxes come rain or shine. The distributors receive their bundles of *Chimes* from 2 distribution coordinators who sort the magazines into bundles for each distributor, then drive around the village dropping the bundles off in each distributors' safe place.

We currently have two vacancies: for one distribution coordinator and one distributor for occasional holiday relief.

I am one of the distribution coordinators as well as being the Lea village sub-editor and I really enjoy both roles, however, our second coordinator can no longer spare Friday mornings.

The work of a distribution coordinator takes up about two hours from 9.15 to 11.15am 10 times a year, usually on the last Friday of the month. The distributor role varies depending on each 'round'. Our distributors drop off anything from 6 to 46 magazines, depending on the number of homes in their close neighbourhoods. The relief distributor role would be only occasional, covering any round where the usual distributor is unable to distribute that month. This is a great way to get to know the village layout.

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News from Lea Church

Hello everyone, I hope you are all well and not eating too many cream eggs! We are now well into Lent and looking forward to Easter. If you have given something up for Lent, keep up the good work! We will be doing the 'Lilies for Easter' again after a couple of years break from it. There will be forms around the village and in the church. If you are unable to find one, please ring me on 01989 750808 and I'll make sure you get a form. There will also be the 'Book of Remembrance' in the church for all to read.

Our Easter services start with the Benefice Service on **Palm Sunday**, where we hope to progress from the village hall car park to the church with the donkey/pony accompanying us! The Holy Week walks will also be starting on **Palm Sunday until Maundy Thursday** between the churches of the parish. Please see further on in the Chimes for more info on that.

The Children's church will be having their **Good Friday** workshop (please keep an eye on the noticeboard for the time) and then we have our **Easter Sunday service at 9.30am** - with Family Communion and refreshments afterwards. Do come along and join us in celebrating the most holy event in the church's calendar!

We have had our planning meeting for fund raising events and will be holding another Spring Fayre on **Saturday 28th March** at the village hall from **10.30am - 1.30pm** where we will have stalls and also, as last year, will have jacket potatoes and various filling for lunch, along with hot cross buns of course! Entrance is free and all proceeds go to Lea church. Keep an eye out for other events during the year!

Take care all and God Bless
Marion Martin, Churchwarden

News from Gateway Lodge Nursery at Lea School

With the New Year in full swing, we have fully embraced our term topic of 'Winter Wonderland,' with lots of different activities and experiences for the children. Being situated where we are, we are so lucky to enjoy our environment and surroundings in all weathers and seasons, for example, taking the children on a winter scavenger hunt to find seasonal foliage and discussing nature's treasures.

We have also been looking at different Arctic animals and their habitats.

Our Risings 5s have made huge progress in phonics sessions and are able to identify letter sounds by sight, which puts them in good stead for starting their Primary School journeys in September. After the Easter holidays, our transition sessions will start and the children will visit Willow class weekly. This has



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We have limited spaces available in our nursery; please feel free to contact us on admin@lea-primary.hereford.sch.uk for more information about the nursery or to come and have a show around.



Lea Play and Chat

Play and Chat are engaged in spring by painting, sticking and lots more - celebrating Mother's Day with special cards, followed by lots of Easter craft. Date for the diary - 'Tots in Tune' will be in group on **March 6th** for a singing session - just come along, no need to book, it's FREE.

Spaces are available for the 'Animals Interactive Session', £6.00 per child over one year old. **April 1st at 2.00pm** in Lea Village Hall (booking is necessary due to limited numbers). Contact Carolyn on 07765 555588

Lea Village Hall

Lea Village Hall is certainly looking much smarter now with all interior hire areas recently redecorated, but unfortunately this is purely cosmetic as the 35-year-old building begins to develop more meaningful aging signs. It is here I need to issue an apology to those intending to join us for the monthly Coffee Morning at the beginning of February, when we had a complete power outage. It was even more disappointing as Herefordshire Fire and Rescue were due to join us, offering advice and free gadgets, such as carbon monoxide and smoke alarms. They hopefully should return at the beginning of March.

At our AGM on **5th February** the main discussions were around planning a building maintenance programme and seeking appropriate grants/funding to rejuvenate other areas.

Although the leaking roof should be finally dealt with by now, the electrical fault within the building is another issue. This has affected the central heating which is hardly what you want during the winter months. So again, apologies if this has upset any classes/exercise groups you have attended.

This takes us on to our next fundraising event on **Friday 20th March**, when the Lea Residents Association are hosting a quiz night, from 7.00pm. Please join us and book a table via email: TheLeaLRA@outlook.com or call 07539 118351. The cost is £5 per person and up to 6 people per table.



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Tuesdays: Short Mat Bowls 7.15 - 9.15pm

Thursdays: Let's Talk Spanish (various times)

Thursdays: 60+ Keep Fit 11.30 - 1.00pm

Thursdays: Yoga 6.00 - 7.30pm

Fridays: Friday Painters 9.30 - 12noon

Monthly activities at the Hall

First Wednesday of the month: Lea Café (Coffee Morning) 10.00 - 11.30am

Last Wednesday of the month: Lea Lunch Club (bookings to Nicky Keef 07718 065946)

Regular monthly Bingo on **Wednesdays 18th March;**

22nd April; 20th May; set up from 7.00pm and Eyes Down at 7.30pm.

Wednesday 1st April: "Play and Chat" are running a fun session for young children between 2.00 - 4.00pm.

More about 'Let's Talk Spanish' classes at the Village Hall

'Hola, my name is Mónica, I am an experienced, native speaking Spanish teacher. I have taught in the Ross area for over 20 years. LetsTalkSpanish.co.uk runs local, relaxed, small group courses, focused on conversation, at The Lea Village Hall. Try one of our courses and you only pay fees after the first class if you decide to continue! I look forward to meeting you! Hasta luego.'

Village Hall Chair: Sylvia.nicholls@btinternet.com 07817 473813

Village Hall website: leavillagehall.com

Lea Lunch Club

The lunch club meets again on **Wednesday 25th March at 12.30pm** in the village hall. We have a waiting list for the lunch, so if you're interested in coming along, please speak to Nicky on 07718 065946. Priority is always given to Lea residents.



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Lea Village Hall 100 Club

Support your village hall by joining the 100 Club! Now is the time to join for the year ahead, starting in April. Please see the poster in this edition for details.

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Lea Café

What a shame we had to cancel the February coffee morning at the last minute due to the village hall having no power; hopefully we managed to contact most people to save them the walk up. The next one is on **Wednesday 4th March** from 10am as usual.

This year's Annual Day Trip is organised for **Wednesday 3rd June**, to include:

- a guided tour of Corsham Court & Gardens,
- a visit to the National Trust village of Lacock,
- Afternoon Tea in the village of Box.

Places are open to Coffee morning regulars first, but I have started a waiting list for any spare places and the price for those places will be £12.50 for Corsham Court plus £10 towards the coach (total £22.50pp). Do let me know if you would like to go on the waiting list: Gill Davis: 01989 750442.

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CARING FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT

We live in a beautiful part of the country, yet sometimes we take it for granted that our surroundings will look after themselves and that we do not need to do anything except cultivate our own garden!

But our villages are more often than not in need of help, not just from our elected representatives but also

from volunteers, who can make a huge difference to the quality of our environment and thereby the quality of our lives. Here are just two examples of the ways in which readers of *The Chimes* can lend a hand to improve and enhance the countryside around us —

Herefordshire Tree Warden scheme

The idea behind the Tree Warden Network is that every Parish, Town or City Ward has a volunteer Tree Warden, backed by the expertise of The Tree Council:

- For every signed-up local Tree Warden the Tree Council will provide guidance, training opportunities and support via this local network.
- Volunteer Tree Wardens do not need to be expert about all tree-related issues, but they will learn where to find advice.

Through the HTWN network, Tree Wardens will receive training to:

- Identify, record and monitor trees
- Advocate for trees and celebrate them – “Trees Matter”
- Protect trees and help keep them healthy
- Recognise problems or threats
- Plant more trees in their local community

As volunteers, Tree Wardens have no statutory authority and cannot advise on tree safety, but might:

- Assist with managing Conservation Area trees, campaign for more trees and hedgerows, apply for Tree Preservation Orders, etc.
- Collaborate with local and national organisations to support and encourage tree and hedge planting initiatives
- Liaise with Town, Parish and Ward Councils about tree diseases, felling or planting, and planning applications
- Inform landowners or the Police about vandalism or wildlife crimes.

You don't need any previous experience to become a Tree Warden, just lots of enthusiasm!

To find out more, please email the Herefordshire Tree Warden Network Coordinator, Sally Webster at subs@htreewardens.org.uk or ring 07836 389369.



Pictured right: some of the volunteers taking part in tree schemes throughout the UK; below: litter picking volunteers can help to clean up the environment



Linton litter picking starts next month

Come and join us for the inaugural Linton Parish Council Community Litter Picking event on **Saturday 18th April**. With all equipment provided, and collection hubs in Gorsley, Linton and Bromsash we are confident that working together as a community, we can make a real difference.

The event will run from 10am to 12 noon and 2pm to 4pm. The collection hubs will be outside Gorsley Village Hall, Castrees Nursery and Wrens Nest in Linton. Look out for further details in the April edition of *The Chimes*.

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Lea Friday Painters

Join us at our regular Friday morning meetings at the village hall, starting at 9.00am. Hope to see you there. For any queries contact Di Brice: 01989 750403.

THE LEA PARISH COUNCIL

The agenda and full minutes of Parish Council meetings are available on the Lea Parish Council website www.theleaparishcouncil.gov.uk Anyone in the parish can contact the council by e-mailing clerk@leaparishcouncil.gov.uk

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on **Wednesday 25th March, 7pm** at the Village Hall. Please come along or submit any questions/queries via the Clerk. Meet your councillors and become involved in the village management. Please submit any questions via the email address above.

The Lea Parish Council is supporting the **Herefordshire Tree Warden Scheme** (see centre spread of this issue). Lea Parish Council would welcome contact with any local resident willing to become a local Tree Warden. Contact for Lea Parish Council is clerk@theleaparishcouncil.gov.uk

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Linton Village Hall 100 Club Winners

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January 2026

£5 Wanda Edwards, £10 Ella Casson, £25 Simon Adams

News from St Mary's Church

Lent

The 40 days of Lent started with Ash Wednesday on 18th February. Lent can be a good opportunity to take stock, to take a little extra time to reflect, to read that unread book in the bookcase or to get on with a project you have always meant to complete. In Linton we are meeting one evening a week and working through the Lent study book, *A Beautiful Friendship: A Lent course based on the film Casablanca*. We have been looking at themes of sacrifice, repentance, suffering, loss and hope using clips from the film as a basis for the discussion. Everyone welcome, contact Charlotte (01989 721124) if you want more details.

The traditional Holy Week Walks will start on Palm Sunday evening with a walk from Upton Bishop Church to Linton. All are very welcome to come along (including dogs), and there will be refreshments at Linton at the end of the walk. The six walks make a great way to see the six churches which make up our Benefice and we finish on Maundy Thursday at Weston under Penyard.

Bible Book Club

Bible Book Club is an informal monthly book club reading through the Bible, one book at a time. For March we are reading Genesis, the first book of the Bible. In this we will find the many familiar stories and characters: Adam & Eve; Noah, Abraham to name a few. The next Bible Book Club will be on Sunday 8th March at Wrens Nest. Each session is stand alone and starts with refreshments at 10.30am, everyone welcome. Contact Charlotte for more information.



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Mothering Sunday

Traditionally the middle Sunday of Lent was when young girls in service had time off to visit their families. On the way home they often picked wildflowers to give to their mothers. This is thought to be how the giving out of posies on Mothering Sunday started. Do join us for our Mothering Sunday service on **Sunday 15th March**.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Easter

Easter Sunday, **5th April**, will include a Communion Service at 11am. For those early risers wishing to see in the dawn on Easter morning there will be a Benefice Service.

Music at St Mary's

The **Music at St Mary's** programme starts on April 18th when we welcome **Northwick Baroque**. This ensemble from Worcester is coming to Linton for the first time with music for strings, woodwind and harpsichord.



For up-to-date news on St Mary's Church please go to the website www.lintonvillage.com/st-marys-church

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performance of the trad jazz band Fidgety Feet took place on Sunday afternoon 1 February in LVH. And what a lovely musical treat this was. Collectively and individually the music was excellent. It is sometimes said that live music is personal and real in contrast to recorded music and it was certainly the case with this performance. The commentary by the band leader sparkled with good humour, the virtuosic performances were greatly appreciated by the audience and the collective effort of the band produced music that delighted all present. We wish Fidgety Feet much success as they start their new musical journey.

The Linton Pound – an update

We have now approached the Pro Vacantia service within the UK Government Legal Office for advice. Whilst the Linton Pound had been under the charge of the Parish Council for at least 150 years, its legal ownership has never been registered. The Pro Vacantia office has as its purpose the administration of ownerless property. It is not clear at this stage if the pound can be designated as unowned, but we need to exhaust all legal routes before coming to a definitive view about how to assume the care of the site under the auspices of a local trust.

At the time of going to print, Herefordshire Council has still not replied formally to our complaint.

This is despite the deadlines associated with the escalation of our official complaint to a stage 2 level. It seems very likely that the demolition of the Linton Pound will now be referred to the Local Government Ombudsman to adjudicate over the legal aspects of this senseless destruction of Linton's heritage.

We shall continue to keep Linton residents informed about ongoing actions regarding the pound through these pages.

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A Winter Silhouette on Linton Ridge — photograph: Amanda Hoyal

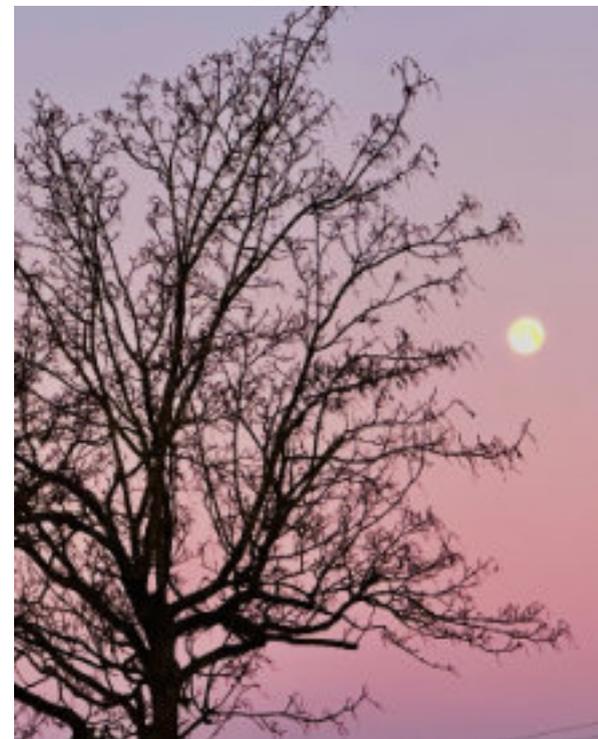


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LINTON (SOUTH) PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

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The parish council is organising a community litter pick across the parish on **18 April**. If you are interested in participating, please contact the Clerk.

Village gateways with welcome signs will be erected at the western boundary of Gorsley village to act as a deterrent to speeding drivers. The installation of road safety signs at Shutton Crossroads is now complete.

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Church Warden - Jane Ayres 07989 572356 jane.e.ayres@me.com
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Services for March are shown on page 59

All Services at 10.30 unless shown otherwise

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Heating at the Church

It has been very cold at St John's during January and February so we have been worshipping at the Millennium Hall – We now have some very comfy heated pew cushions to keep you warm, and we will return to the church for a special St David's Day Service on March 1st.

National Grid has upgraded our electricity supply so that we can safely have some heating in the winter months. Watch this space for more news of what is being installed and when this will be in place. Meanwhile, we apologise to everyone who was inconvenienced by the work, the disruption to your electricity supply and, of course, the mud. Thank you for your patience and support

Christian Aid Week

If you happen to be sowing your seeds this month or dividing established plants, whether for the joy of eating or the joy of looking, could you spare a thought for the Plant Stall in May and grow one or two extra? In past years there's been a wonderful variety of fruit, veg and ornamentals donated and they raise much needed funds. Many thanks. Linda 01989 780226.

WALK THE UPTON BISHOP CAMINO

Have you ever wanted to walk the Camino de Santiago de Compostela? Why not join us on a virtual pilgrimage rather like the one to Jerusalem that some of us enjoyed during lockdown.

We'll be starting out from Upton Bishop church on Feb 18th but it's not too late to join in. We'll be travelling the official St James' Way via Southampton and on into Spain where ancient pilgrim paths take us through the Cantabrian mountains, and unspoilt regions of Asturias and Galicia until we reach Santiago. A total distance of 862 miles. All this without leaving the parish.

Who can join in?

It's a communal challenge. Anyone can join in. You don't have to be fit, wear Lycra or special clumpy boots and just like a real pilgrimage, it's not a competition or a race. Just walk, run, swim, cycle, row, ride or dance the miles away and send your total weekly distance covered to us on a Friday night. We

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will work out how far the group has travelled by Monday each week and post our position, complete with photos, 'fascinating facts' about wherever we've got to, and any news from our walkers that they'd like to share.

Who knows how long it will take to cover the distance and what adventures we'll have on the way, but we hope to 'arrive' in Santiago for Easter. And like the pilgrims who walk the real Camino, we'll have a celebration in the church on arrival for those who would like to attend.

Why are we doing it?

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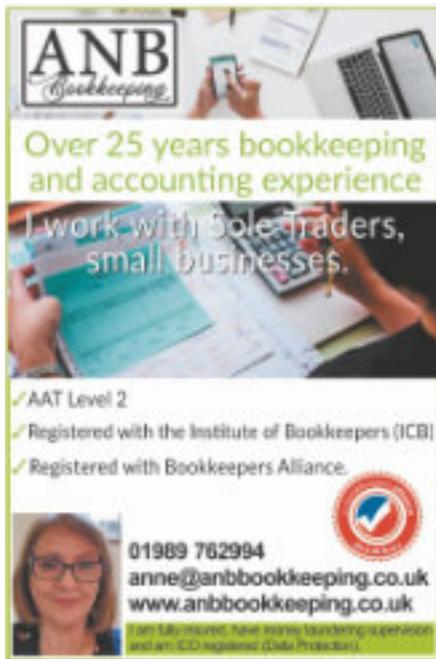
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TANGO: Fridays but not every Friday. Check with Beryl Kirk 07743 778799 or bakirk@live.co.uk.

SOCIAL:

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UPTON BISHOP WI

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February was Upton Bishop WI's first meeting of the year so it was nice to be back together again on what turned out to be a reasonably dry evening for once. We began the year with a demonstration of silver-smithing (see *right and over*), presented by Jackie Poulter from the Made In Ross group. Jackie got into silver-smithing when she retired, and she competed a one-



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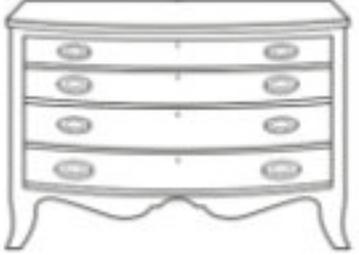
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We rounded off a very enjoyable evening with our usual refreshments, raffle and a good catch-up chat.



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200 CLUB DRAW FOR February
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 Elaine Ives £5.

WELCOME A very warm welcome to Josh and Victoria Morgan who have recently moved to Crow Hill.

SYMPATHY We send our sympathy to Elaine, Tom and Sasha Ives on the very sad loss of Malcolm
 To Jake and Rupe Simpson and family on the loss of their mum, Mandy
 Also to the family of Sylvia Greer on the loss of their mum.

BEST WISHES to everyone who is not too well, or who is undergoing or waiting for treatment.

2025 Poppy Appeal – Very many thanks to Alice for her door to door collecting for the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal. A fantastic amount of £850.00 was raised. Many thanks also to everyone who so generously supported this charity.

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Upton Bishop Parish Council - February 3rd 2026

Six councillors, the clerk and seven members of the public attended the Parish Council meeting on February 3rd.

A member of the public raised concerns about Herefordshire Council not collecting volunteer litter picker waste bags. The clerk will contact Balfour Beatty and Herefordshire Council to clarify collection arrangements. The ward councillor was unable to attend due to illness, however his report is on the website.

Councillors objected to planning application 260038 to fell 10 trees at Woodley Gate. The Council has concerns over the number of trees proposed to be removed and is keen to retain as many trees as possible to maintain biodiversity within the parish, particularly given that this area is under a Tree Preservation Order.

Councillors supported planning application 260009 for a dog exercise area adjacent to Phocle Green Business Park as rural business diversification in line with the Neighbourhood Development Plan, but raised concerns about transport access from the south (Phocle Green crossroads) due to poor road quality and that this change of use should not be used as a precursor for future planning development of a different nature.

Councillors supported planning application 253130 for a two-storey extension to Harewood Cottage.

Lengthsman

The Lengthsman has completed maintenance works across the parish and cleared post-storm tree damage. The Phocle Green bus shelter guttering has been repaired.

Following a request from the ward councillor, the Parish Council submitted a comprehensive report on carriageway investment across the parish to help inform future highways works. The report and the previous flood risk report are accessible on the Parish Council website.

Invoicing

All invoices were approved for payment. The budget for 26/27 was approved and the precept was set at £20,090.34, an increase of 7.86% on the previous year.

The next scheduled meeting is at 7pm on **Tuesday, March 3rd**.

RECTOR'S LETTER



Lent, Holy Week and Easter

With all the hype that surrounds us at Christmas, it's easy to forget that, for the early Christians, Easter was far and away the most important Christian festival. Many people today who don't go to Church regard Easter as the more 'religious festival', in that it's not been engulfed by quite such a tidal-wave of materialism as Christmas.

There are still plenty of false impressions at large, however: one child recently informed me that Lent "was a time when we are all supposed to be miserable." On further investigation, I discovered it was because his whole family had given up chocolate for Lent! It appears that this act of self-denial had little Christian motivation. We always do it for Lent was the reason given, which no doubt accounts for the boy viewing it as the most miserable time of the year. Easter eggs and Easter bunnies can also threaten to cloud — if not totally obscure — the true message. Fasting certainly has a spiritual value when undertaken for the right reason; but just giving up something will mean little to most children other than dieting for better health.

The English word 'lent' means spring: its origin probably lies in the formal and final period of preparation of candidates for baptism at Easter. In mediaeval times it became associated with penance and over time has gradually been transformed into a period of general preparation for Easter.

There is a special anniversary for the Diocese of Hereford to mark this. Confirmations will be celebrated at two Festival Services with the Bishop presiding. Our service will be on the 20th June at 3pm in Hereford Cathedral, followed by afternoon tea at the Palace for confirmands and their families. If you would like to be confirmed or have a relative or friend who is thinking about it, please contact the Rector or our Curate. This is a wonderful opportunity to take part in something extra special.

Lent is the church's 'Holy Spring,'
It is a time of self-denial.
But it is also a time of joy,
because we are preparing for Easter.
Lord, help us to let go of old habits of sin,
and clove us in newness of life,
so that when Easter comes,
We will feel young again in our discipleship.

David Howell

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01st March	Evensong	Family Communion	Communion Service	Mattins
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Readings	Genesis 12. 1-4a.		Romans 4. 1-5, 13-17. John 3. 1-17.	
08th March	Parish Communion	Holy Communion	Bible Book Club	Communion Service
3rd Sunday of Lent	10.30 am	8.00 am	10.30 am	10.30 am
Readings	Exodus 17. 1-7.		Romans 5. 1-11. John 4. 5-42.	
15th March	Village Praise	Parish Communion	Morning Worship	Parish Communion
Mothers' Sunday	10.30 am	9.30 am	11.00 am	10.30 am
Readings	Exodus 2. 1-10.		2 Corinthians 1. 3-7. John 19. 25b-27.	
22nd March	Parish Communion	Children's Church	Communion Service	All Age Communion
5th Sunday of Lent	10.30am	10.00am	11.00 am	10.30 am
Readings	Ezekiel 37. 1-14.		Romans 8. 6-11. John 11. 1-45.	
29th March	PALM SUNDAY ARICONIUM BENEFICE SERVICE @ LEA			
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